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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS, POST-PLENARY CONVERSATIONS, AUGUST 12, 1977  
(SALT TWO - 1346)

1. (ROWNY/BELETSKY, A-1717)

NON-CIRCUMVENTION

GENERAL BELETSKY STATED THAT SPEAKING PERSONALLY HE DID NOT FIND US NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROPOSAL CONSTRUCTIVE SINCE IT HAD NOT FULLY TAKEN SOVIET CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT. ROWNY STATED US WOULD NOT ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH INTENTION OF CIRCUMVENTING ITS PROVISIONS AND THUS, BELIEVED INCLUSION OF A NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION UNNECESSARY. BELETSKY ASKED IF ARTICEL XIV HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE US DELIBERATION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION; TO WHICH ROWNY REPLIED, THAT THE US HAD TAKEN ALL PROVISIONS OF THE JDT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DRAFTING PROPOSAL. BELETSKY NOTED THAT THE US DELEGATION SEEMED TO BE INCONSISTANT, INSISTING ON SPECIFICITY IN SOME ARTICLES WHILE IN THIS PROPOSAL WE SEEMED TO BE ARGUING AGAINST SUCH SPECIFICITY.

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2. K(JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN, A-1721)

NTM, NON-CIRCUMVENTION, TESTING OF MOBILES

SHCHUKIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHETHER THE US FELT DEFINITION FOR NTMS WAS REQUIRED, REFERRING TO A PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR GLENN. JOHNSON REPLIED THAT US WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WAS MEANT BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. SHCHUKIN

AGREED: IN REFERRING TO US NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROPOSAL, SHCHUKIN STATED IT WAS TOO LACONIC AND WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST SOME REFERENCE TO THIRD COUNTRIES. FURTHER, HE SAID THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAIL ON SUBJECT OF TRANSFER OF STRATEGIC SYSTEMS. JOHNSON ASKED WHAT WAS INTENDED BY THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT TESTING OF MOBILE ICBMS. SHCHUKIN LISTED THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE TESTING: BASIS RESEARCH, THEORETICAL AND DESIGN EFFORTS, COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT, STATIC TEST STAND OPERATION AND BASICALLY EVERYTHING SHORT OF FLIGHT TESTING.

3. (KLOSSON - MCNEILL/SMOLIN - OBUKOV, A-1725)

PENALTY TESTING, MIRV VERIFICATION

SMOLIN HANDED OVER ANOTHER NON-PAPER DEALING WITH PENALTY. HE STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, THE US PROPOSAL UNDERMINED AN EXCLUSION FOR TESTING OF PENALTY. TURNING TO ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 5, SMOLIN NOTED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE MIGHT CONSIDER REMOVING THE WORD "DEPLOYED" FROM PARA II.5 AND INSERTING IT IN THE PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT. KLOSSON SAID THAT IN US NEW ARTICLE II SHOULD PROVIDE UNIVERSAL DEFINITIONS AND NOT AS KARPOV HAD PREVIOUSLY CONTENDED, BE USED AS A BASIS FOR COUNTING. SMOLIN REACTED EMOTIONALLY, CHARGING THE US SIDE WITH CREATING "UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS".

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4. (HAFNER - KWIECIAK/BEKETOV - JOURAVLEV, A-1718)

TESTING OF MOBILES

HAFNER QUESTIONED THE TERM "TESTING" IN CONTEXT OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO BAN TESTING OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS AND THEIR MISSILES. BEKETOV AND JOURAVLEV EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD PRECLUDE THE FLIGHT TESTING OF A MISSILE FROM A MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHER. BEKETOV INDICATED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY BY NTMS TESTS IN A LABORATORY, TESTS OF A COMPONENT MISSILE, ETC. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT FLIGHT TESTING OF MISSILES CAN BE VERIFIED BY NTM AND IT WOULD ONLY MAKE SENSE THAT SUCH TESTING OF MOBILE ICBMS BE BANNED.

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5. (LEVINE/PAVLICHENKO, A-1719)  
TESTING OF MOBILES, INSTRUCTIONS  
IN DISCUSSING TESTING, PAVLICHENKO RESPONDED THAT  
MEANING OF WORD WAS ALREADY COMMONLY UNDERSTOOD BY  
SIDES AND HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN ARTICLE II.1 AND  
ARTICLE XVI.3 IN A MANNER CONSISTANT WITH THIS COMMON  
UNDERSTANDING. FURTHER, HE STATED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE  
WAS REFERRING ONLY TO THOSE ELEMENTS OF TESTING THAT COULD  
BE VERIFIED BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, AND THAT  
THEY WRE CONCERNED ONLY WITH TESTING CONDUCTED AT  
FLIGHT TEST RANGES AND THEN ONLY WITH TESTS INVOLVING  
A MOBILE MISSILE TESTED FROM ITS LAUNCHERS. IN DIS-  
CUSSING THE SOVIET STATEMENT ON THEIR INSTRUCTIONS,  
PAVLICHENKO STATED THAT THE US DELEGATION HAD EXCEEDED  
BOTH ITS INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED  
AT HIGHER LEVELS WHEN IT PROPOSED A REDUCTION AT THE  
MIRV AGGREGATE LEVEL. WITH REGARD TO THE OVERALL  
AGGREGATE, PAVLICHENKO SAID THAT THE SOVIET REDUCTION  
HAD BEEN PROPOSED AS A POLITICAL JESTURE TO PRESIDENT  
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